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**Senate Bill 27, An Act Transitioning The Regulations Of Connecticut
State Agencies To An Online Format**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on behalf of the Judicial Branch in support of *Senate Bill 27, An Act Concerning Transitioning the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies to an Online Format*. The bill would create an online repository of state agency regulations on the Secretary of the State's website, and also provides for the online posting of notices and documents pertaining to proposed regulations.

The bill has two principal benefits: it greatly improves the public's ability to search for a particular regulation and it enhances transparency in government.

As members of the Committee may be aware, the current process for publication and distribution of state regulations, which is handled by Judicial Branch's Commission on Official Legal Publications (COLP), is paper-based. The Branch also supports this bill because, in this era of diminished resources, it is becoming increasingly difficult for COLP to meet the labor-intensive, paper-driven burden of reviewing and publishing Executive Branch regulations.

With respect to Section 8, which creates a task force to further modernize the publication of regulations, the Judicial Branch would welcome the opportunity to participate.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of this bill.

